

FINAL

SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE

FIRST AIR QUALITY TASK GROUP (FOR THE PINEDALE AREA WORKING GROUP) MEETING SINCE FALL 2007

MEETING APRIL 7, 2009, AT THE PINEDALE, BLM OFFICE, PINEDALE, WY.

ATTENDING:

- CRAIG BROWN (CURRENT TASK GROUP {T.G.} MEMBER) REPRESENTING QUESTAR
- LINCOLN SHERMAN, VISITOR, CONSULTANT WITH AIR RESOURCES
- JONATHAN RATNER, CURRENT TG MEMBER. WITH WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT.
- TOM HAKONSON, LOCAL RESIDENT.
- TED PORWOLL, VISITOR, U.S. FOREST SERVICE AIR QUALITY TECHNICIAN
- ROD ROZIER, LOCAL RESIDENT
- TONY GOSAR, LOCAL RESIDENT
- TERRY SVALBERG, CURRENT MEMBER, USFS, AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST
- CHUCK BRAGG, LOCAL RESIDENT
- BOB CHESNOVER, WITH THE SMITH POWER (COMPANY)
- JIM SEWELL, CURRENT T.G. MEMBER, SHELL CO.
- JUSTIN WILLIAM, SMITH POWER CO.
- PERRY WALKER, LOCAL RESIDENT
- JIM ROSCOE, WYOMING STATE LEGISLATOR
- CATHY PURVES, PAWG MEMBER, TROUT UNLIMITED
- SANDY WISE, SHELL CO.
- MEGHANN DURBROW, SUBLETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- JUSTIN WILLIAMS, ENGINE EMISSION AND SOLUTIONS CO.
- CHUCK OTTO, FIELD MANAGER, PINEDALE BLM
- LAUREN MCKEEVER, LIAISON, PINEDALE BLM

MINUTES

TINA ANDERSON REGULATORY EXPERT WITH THE DEQ REPORTED OUR AREA WAS RECOMMENDED FOR NON-ATTAINMENT OF THE 8 HR. STANDARD.

EPA, BY 11/09 EPA EXPECTED TO RELEASE PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF STATE'S DESIGNATION PROPOSAL 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

MARCH 12, 2010 - EPA ISSUES FINAL DESIGNATION AND WILL DEFINE NON-ATTAINMENT AREA...DEQ EXPECTS OUR AREA TO BE MARGINAL OR MODERATE AREA DESIGNATION AREA.

OUR AREA HAS NON URBAN OZONE, A UNIQUE ISSUE.

DEQ IS TALKING WITH THE EPA ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

CLASSIFICATION FOR THE NON-ATTAINMENT NEEDS TO BE DECIDED.
CLASSIFICATION WILL DETERMINE REGULATIONS. RULE MAKING A KEY ACTION.

RULE MAKING CAN TAKE UP TO 9 MONTHS.

DEQ IS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EPA ABOUT NON-ATTAINMENT. MUCH WILL
DEPEND ON HOW EPA DESIGNATES THE NON-ATTAINMENT AREA. EPA IS
WRANGLING WITH LEGAL CHALLENGES. THIS MAY AFFECT THE EPA'S
RESPONSE TIME TO OUR NON-ATTAINMENT ISSUE.

CLASSIFICATION NEEDS TO BE DECIDED TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE
REGULATIONS.

PERRY WALKER, A LOCAL RESIDENT, ASKED WHAT THE DEQ'S ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURE IS FOR CRAFTING THE REGULATIONS. TINA ANDERSON (DEQ)
ANSWERED THAT WYOMING STATUTES DICTATE HOW TO PROCEED WITH RULE
MAKING. RULE MAKING TAKES 7-9 MONTHS. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CAN
CHOOSE TO MAINTAIN, MODIFY OR RECONSIDER RULE MAKING.

JONATHAN RATNER (AQTG MEMBER) NOTED THAT WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED
NON-ATTAINMENT AREA THERE ARE NOT MANY MAJOR (AIR POLLUTION)
SOURCES WITHIN THAT AREA. ANDERSON REPLIED THAT THE EPA COULD
ENLARGEN THE NON-ATTAINMENT AREA.

KELLY BOTT (DEQ) REVIEWED THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS IN THE
IMMEDIATE AREA. THE CURRENT WINTER OZONE STUDY WILL BE COMPLETED
3/31/09. GOING FORWARD, THE DEQ (AIR QUALITY DIV.) WILL SERVE THE TASK
GROUP IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.

RATNER ASKED HOW THIS NEWLY CONVENED TASK GROUP WILL BE DIFFERENT
THAN THE LAST TIME THE GROUP WAS ACTIVE (FALL, 2007). SAID THE LAST TIME
THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BLM WAS DYSFUNCTIONAL AND WANTED TO
KNOW HOW THOSE PAST ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

CHUCK OTTO (PINEDALE FIELD OFFICE, FIELD MANAGER) SAID THE REASON
THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, IS THERE WAS A LACK OF GUIDANCE FROM
THE BLM. AFTER THE MASS RESIGNATION OF PAST PAWG MEMBERS THERE WAS
NO QUORUM AND FORMAL ACTIONS COULD NOT BE TAKEN. NOW THAT THE
PAWG HAS BEEN REORGANIZED, THE KEY PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY GROUP
WILL BE FOR OVERSIGHT FOR PAPA (PINEDALE ANTICLINE) MONITORING.

RATNER NOTED THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM IN THE PAST WAS THAT THE GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT ACTED UPON.

WALKER SAID THE PAST AQTG'S DETAILED REPORT WAS NOT READ BY THE BLM FOR A YEAR AFTER THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. THE SECOND REPORT WAS NOT READ FOR 6 MONTHS.

OTTO SAID THAT IN OTHER BLM OFFICES ADVISORY GROUPS WERE VALUABLE. HE IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN SEEING PAWG SUCCEED. HE SAID HE WOULD WATCH THAT INFORMATION IS NOT NEGLECTED.

RATNER SUGGESTED THAT THE AQTG PAST RECOMMENDATIONS BE REVIEWED WITH A REPLY BY THE BLM.

JIM SEWELL (AGTG MEMBER) SUGGESTED THAT THE TASK GROUP REVIEW THE PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECIDE WHAT THE GROUP MAY WANT TO RECOMMEND AGAIN TO THE BLM.

KATHY PURVES (PAWG GROUP MEMBER) SAID THAT CHUCK OTTO HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN INCREASING THE TRUST THE PAWG HAS WITH THE BLM NOW.

WALKER SAID THAT THE AQTG NEEDS BETTER BALANCE, AND THAT THERE IS TOO MUCH INDUSTRY INFLUENCE IN THE GROUP.

THE EPA WILL PARTICIPATE AS AN ADVISORY AND NON "VOTING" MEMBER.

OTTO SAID THAT HIS OFFICE CAN SUPPLY SOME SUPPORT WITH THE MINUTES AND DISTRIBUTING THEM.

TED PORWOLL (USFS, PAST PARTICIPANT IN THE TASK GROUP) OFFERED TO TAKE NOTES FOR THE TASK GROUP MEETINGS.

RATNER NOTED THAT HE WANTED TO SEE SOME SUPPORT BY THE BLM FOR UNPAID TASK GROUP MEMBERS, PERHAPS PAYING FOR EXPENSES. OTTO RESPONDED THAT REGULATIONS PERMIT THAT THE BLM CAN ONLY DO THAT FOR THE PAWG, NOT THE TASK GROUPS.

FOCUS FOR THE AIR QUALITY TASK GROUP

PERTAINING TO THE FOCUS OF THE TASK GROUP, WALKER SAID THAT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE TO ALLOW THE AIR QUALITY TASK GROUP TO ADDRESS AIR QUALITY TOPICS IN A BROADER, REGIONAL AREA AND NOT CONSTRAINED ONLY TO THE PINEDALE ANTICLINE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DEQ PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ABOUT THE EMISSIONS INVENTORY, MODELING TECHNIQUES AND WHAT THE EPA'S INVOLVEMENT IS IN OUR AREA.

CRAIG BROWN (AQTG MEMBER) SAID HE SUPPORTED THE GROUP REVIEWING EARLIER RECOMMENDATION MADE, WOULD THE TASK GROUP HAVE ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE DEQ AND EPA, DISCUSSING WHAT THE ISSUES ARE AND THE CAUSES. HE NOTED THAT PEOPLE ARE ACTIVE WITH THE AIR QUALITY TASK GROUP BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT THE AREA.

JIM SEWELL SAID THE GROUP'S FOCUS SHOULD BE ON WHAT SUPPORT THEY CAN DO FOR THE PINEDALE ANTICLINE. IN THE PAST THE GROUP WAS SUCCESSFUL WITH REVIEWING DATA. THE AQTG SHOULD FOCUS ON MONITORING, THE WORK HAPPENING NOW. INDUSTRY CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHAT OPERATORS ARE DOING.

TERRY SVALBERG (AQTG MEMBER) SAID THAT THE VALUABLE WORK THE FORMER GROUP PROVIDED WAS GATHERING AND EXPLAINING AIR QUALITY DATA TO THE PAWG.

ROD ROZIER (LOCAL CITIZEN) SAID THE STATE OF WYOMING IS A KEY PLAYER IN AIR QUALITY ISSUES, BUT LACKS THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY. HE QUESTIONED HOW A LOCAL TASK GROUP CAN HELP THE BLM AND THE DEQ, GET THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES.

JIM ROSCOE (LOCAL LEGISLATOR) SAID IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING THE BLM AND THE DEQ TO PROVIDE FOR A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT AND THAT IS NOT HAPPENING.

TONY GOSAR (LOCAL RESIDENT) SAID WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON AIR POLLUTION AFFECTS ON THE VIEWSHED AND HAZE AFFECTING THE WATER AND THE FOREST. INDUSTRY NEEDS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE LAND.

TED PORWOLL, THE GROUP IN THE PAST DEALT WITH MITIGATION AND COORDINATED WITH AIR QUALITY ISSUES FOR THE JONAH AND ANTICLINE FIELDS. RECOMMENDED LOOKING AT A BROADER AREA WHEN ADDRESSING AIR QUALITY. ASKED CAN THE TASK GROUP ADDRESS AIR QUALITY OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE ANTICLINE AREA IN ORDER TO BE USEFUL?

OTTO AGREED WITH PORWOLL, AND THE BLM-PINEDALE FIELD OFFICE DOES HAVE LIMITS TO ITS JURISDICTION, BUT CAN DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE INPUT TO THE EPA AND DEQ. KEY ROLE OF THE TASK GROUP IS TO ADVISE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION.

PORWOLL, HARD TO MAKE TASK GROUP WORK WHEN THE GROUPS FOCUS IS LIMITED ONLY TO THE PINEDALE ANTICLINE AIR QUALITY.

RATNER ASKED IF THE TASK GROUP COULD ADDRESS AIR QUALITY ON A BASIS OF THE AREA FOR THE FIELD OFFICE AND NOT JUST THE PAPA.

SANDY WISE (SHELL CO. REPRESENTATIVE) SAID THE CHARTER NOTING THE DUTIES OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. THE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROCESS IS IMPORTANT.

PURVES SAID IT'S IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THAT MIGHT BE DONE BY AN ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

TOM HAKONSON (LOCAL RESIDENT) EXPLAINED HE IS A SCIENTIST AND THAT THE OZONE EXCEEDANCES ARE LOW LEVEL OCCURENCES. CAN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM IF THE CAUSE IS NOT UNDERSTOOD. HE STATED THAT HE IS NOT WITH INDUSTRY.

WALKER STATED THAT ENCANA REPORTS REDUCTIONS AT THE SAME TIME HIGHER VISIBILITY AND OZONE (EMISSIONS). PERHAPS THE CAUSE AND EFFECTS ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD.

RATNER SAID HIS MAIN CONCERN IS VOC'S AND NOT OZONE. "WE HAD INCREDIBLY CLEAN AIR UNTIL 2000. NOW WHEN THE WIND COMES FROM THE SOUTH THE FOUL SMELL OF VOC'S IS STRONG." THE VOC'S INCREASE AND EVERY YEAR IT IS WORSE. "I'M A LITTLE TIRED OF THE DELAY (IN ADDRESSING THE INCREASING AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM)."

THE GROUP COMPLETED THE DISCUSSION AND AGREED TO A CALL-IN MEETING ON APRIL 30, 2009.